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In re U.S. Patent Application of:)
Robert A. BAKER et al.)
Serial Number: 10/044,996)
Filed: January 15, 2002)
For: ROLL-OVER AIR BAG HAVING)
A REINFORCED PERIMETER SEAL :
AND ASSOCIATED METHOD FOR)
PRODUCING A FLAT REINFORCED :
SEAL IN A ROLL-OVER AIR BAG)

Atty. Ref. 115716-00116
Group Art Unit: 3616
Examiner: Peter C. English

REPLY AND AMENDMENT

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of September 24, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

- (1) Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begin on page 3 of this paper.
- (2) Amendments to the specification are reflected in the changes that begin on page 7 of this paper.
- (3) Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.

In view of the amendments and accompanying remarks, reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding Office Action and issuance of a Notice of Allowance are respectfully requested.

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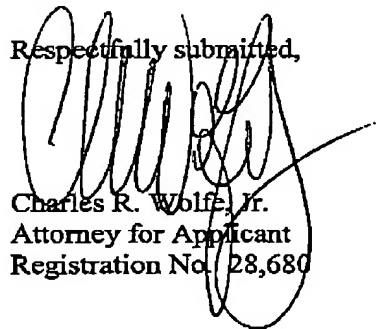
In the event that any issues remain that can be overcome most easily through a telephone communication, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (202) 772-5800.

In order to render the filing of this paper timely, filed concurrently herewith is a Petition for a two-month extension of time. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 23-2185 (Atty. Ref. No. 115716-00116) to cover the requisite Petition fee. If the Petition for extension of time is required to render this submission timely and either is not filed concurrently herewith or does not suffice to render this submission timely, Applicants hereby petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for such an extension for as many months as are required to render this submission timely.

Applicant submits herewith a statutory terminal disclaimer. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 23-2185 (Atty. Ref. No. 115716-00116) to cover any requisite fee associated with filing the disclaimer.

Please charge any deficiency in fees, or credit any overpayment thereof, to BLANK ROME LLP, Deposit Account No. 23-2185 (Atty. Ref. No. 115716-00116).

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